

DOCUMENT DEFINED BY A DOCUMENT-TYPE DEFINITION (18) INTO A RELATIONAL DATABASE INCLUDING THE GENERATION OF A RELATIONAL SCHEMA (22) THEREFOR

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

system and a method are provided for generating (28) a schema (22) for a relational database corresponding to a document having a document-type definition (18) and data complying with the document-type definition (18). The document-type definition (18) has content particles representative of the structure of the document data including one or more of the following content particles: elements, attributes of elements, nesting relationships between elements, grouping relationships between elements, schema (22) ordering/indicators, existence indicators, occurrence indicators and element ID referencing indicators. The system and method described herein also contemplates loading the data into the relational database in a manner consistent with the relational schema (22). Metadata is extracting from the document-type definition (18) representative of the document-type definition (18). The schema (22) for the relational database is generated/from the metadata, wherein at least one table is thereby defined in the relational database corresponding to at least one content particle of the document-type definition (18) via the metadata (34). The data is then loaded into the at least one table of the relational database according to the relational schema (22) in a manner driven by the metadata (34)